

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Clinch River in Tazewell County. This stream is listed on the 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standards for the General Standard (Benthics).

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The impaired segment of Clinch River is located in Tazewell County. It is 5.5 miles long and begins at the upstream confluence with Lincolnshire Branch in Tazewell. The downstream end of the Clinch River segment is at the confluence with Plum Creek. The river flows along Riverside Drive, Route 16 and Pisgah Road or Route 632 through Tazewell and River Jack.

The first public meeting on the development of the TMDL to address the Benthic Impairment for Clinch River will be **June 23, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Nuckles Hall at Tazewell County Fairgrounds in Tazewell, Virginia. The purpose of the study is to identify sources and determine reductions of pollutants so that the stream can meet the water quality standard.

The public comment period will end on **July 23, 2003**. A fact sheet on the development of the TMDL for aquatic life on the impaired stream is available upon request or can be viewed at the DEQ website, www.deq.state.va.us. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Nancy T. Norton, P. E., Department of Environmental Quality. Written comments should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and be addressed to Nancy T. Norton, P. E., Department of Environmental Quality, 355 Deadmore Street, P. O. Box 1688, Abingdon, Virginia 24212, telephone (276) 676-4807, Fax (276) 676-4899, or e-mail ntnorton@deq.state.va.us.